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PORTION

FOLLOWING IS THE VOLUNTARY PORTION DEALING WITH CYPRUS
OF THE SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF AUGUST 19.
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WHICH FOLLOWED VOLUNTARY STATEMENT
CONTAINED SEPTTEL.

QUOTE: SECRETARY KISSINGER: I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN WITH
A FEW OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE TRAGIC DEATH OF AMBASSADOR
DAVIES.

AMBASSADOR DAVIES HAS BEEN A CLOSE ASSOCIATE FOR ALL THE
YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN IN WASHINGTON. HE WORKED CLOSELY
WITH ME ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS WHEN HE WAS DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY. HIS PERFORMANCE AFTER HE WAS
APPOINTED AMBASSADOR IN CYPRUS HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING. I
THINK I CAN DO NO BETTER THAN TO READ TO YOU TWO CABLES
WHICH I SENT TO HIM, ONE ON JULY 22, THE OTHER ON AUGUST
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ON JULY 22 I SENT HIM THE FOLLOWING CABLE.

"I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY THANKS FOR YOUR PERFORMANCE

AND THAT OF YOUR STAFF DURING THE LAST WEEK. I RELIED
HEAVILY ON YOUR GOOD JUDGMENT AND ON THE EXCELLENT
REPORTING FROM NICOSIA. THE STEADINESS AND COURAGE DIS-
PLAYED BY YOU AND YOUR STAFF UNDER DANGEROUS CONDITIONS
WERE EXEMPLARY. THE EMBASSY'S OVERALL PERFORMANCE
DESERVES THE HIGHEST COMMENDATION. PLEASE CONVEY MY
CONGRATULATIONS AND PROFOUND THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS OF
YOUR STAFF. HOPEFULLY, AND IN GREAT MEASURE DUE TO YOUR
EFFORTS, THE SITUATION WILL CALM IN CYPRUS."

THEN ON AUGUST 10, I SENT HIM ANOTHER CABLE.

"ART HARTMAN HAS JUST REPORTED TO ME IN SOME DETAIL ON
THE MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE OF ALL OF YOU UNDER THE MOST
DANGEROUS AND TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES. YOUR COURAGE
UNDER FIRE, YOUR ACCURATE, PERCEPTIVE AND CALM REPORTING,
AND YOUR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO FURTHER OUR POLICY AND PRO-
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STAFF ARE A CREDIT TO YOU AND ARE IN THE FINEST TRADI-
TION OF THE SERVICE."

MY ASSOCIATES WILL TELL YOU THAT THE HIGHEST PRAISE THEY
USUALLY GET FROM ME IS THE ABSENCE OF CRITICISM. AND I
WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THESE TWO CABLES WHICH
EXPRESS THE EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE OF AMBASSADOR
DAVIES. THOSE OF US WHO HAVE KNOWN HIM WILL MISS HIM

FOR HIS OUTSTANDING HUMAN QUALITIES.

THE FOREIGN SERVICE, WHICH IS OFTEN CRITICIZED, HAS PRODUCED NO BETTER REPRESENTATIVE. AND HIS WORK IS IN THE BEST TRADITIONS OF A SERVICE TO WHICH DEDICATION AND THE PERFORMANCE OF A NATIONAL DUTY ARE THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES.

I HAVE SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR DAVIES' CHILDREN.

"YOU BOTH HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN THIS TRAGIC TIME. WHILE THERE IS LITTLE THAT ANYONE CAN SAY AT A MOMENT SUCH AS THIS TO LESSEN THE SORROW, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE SHARE YOUR DEEP SENSE OF LOSS. YOUR FATHER WAS LOVED, RESPECTED AND ADMIRER BY ALL OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT. YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF HIM; WE ARE. MRS. KISSINGER AND I STAND READY TO DO ANYTHING WE CAN TO HELP IN THE DIFFICULT MONTHS AHEAD."

YOU KNOW THAT THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS ORDERED THAT A PLANE BE SENT FOR THE

CHILDREN. I HAVE ASKED OUR DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE BROWN, WHOSE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE INCLUDES SERVICE AS AMBASSADOR TO JORDAN IN VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, TO GO OUT WITH THIS PLANE TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES IN CYPRUS UNTIL WE CAN APPOINT AN AMBASSADOR AND GET HIM IN PLACE. THE DESIGNATION OF AN OFFICER OF THE DISTINCTION OF AMBASSADOR BROWN LEAVES NO DOUBT OF THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO A SPEEDY AND PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE.

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THIS MORNING ALSO PRESIDENT CLERIDES CALLED ME TO EXPRESS HIS PERSONAL SORROW AT THE LOSS OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A CLOSE PERSONAL AND VERY TRUSTED FRIEND. I ASSURED PRESIDENT CLERIDES THAT THE UNITED STATES FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT FOR THIS TRAGIC EVENT. I ASSURED HIM THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE A MAJOR EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT PEACE, AND HE URGED US TO MAKE SUCH AN EFFORT. I EMPHASIZED TO HIM, HOWEVER, THAT THESE EFFORTS WOULD NOT BE HELPED BY ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS THAT WERE UNJUSTIFIED BY THE RECORD, AND THAT COULD ONLY CREATE CONDITIONS TO HAMPER THESE EFFORTS.

I ALSO HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY THIS MORNING TO SPEAK

WITH PRESIDENT FORD ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. WE WERE IN CLOSE TOUCH BY TELEPHONE YESTERDAY AND WE HAVE MET PERSONALLY SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PRECEDING DAYS. PRESIDENT FORD HAS ASKED ME TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES:

FIRST -- THE UNITED STATES SHALL INSIST ON THE STRICT MAINTENANCE OF THE CEASE-FIRE ON CYPRUS.

SECOND -- THE IMPERATIVE AND URGENT NEED IS TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS.

THIRD -- WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO BRING THE PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

FOURTH -- THE UNITED STATES WILL PLAY ANY ROLE REQUESTED BY THE PARTIES. WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE ABLE EFFORTS OF THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN IN THIS REGARD.

FIFTH -- IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR TURKEY, AS THE STRONGER POWER ON THE

GROUND, TO DISPLAY FLEXIBILITY AND A CONCERN FOR GREEK SENSITIVITIES, BOTH IN TERMS OF TERRITORY AND THE SIZE
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OF MILITARY FORCES ON THE ISLAND. I HAVE MADE THIS POINT DIRECTLY THIS MORNING TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY. I HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE DEMARCATION LINE NEGOTIABLE, AND THAT IT WILL CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENT CALLING FOR PHASED REDUCTIONS OF TROOPS ON CYPRUS.

SIXTH -- THE UNITED STATES GREATLY VALUES THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP OF GREECE. IT HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS, AND WISHES EVERY SUCCESS TO HIS DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. WE WILL USE OUR INFLUENCE IN ANY NEGOTIATION TO TAKE INTO FULL ACCOUNT GREEK HONOR AND NATIONAL DIGNITY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ASSUME THAT ALL OF OUR ALLIES, INCLUDING GREECE, JOIN IN COLLECTIVE DEFENSE IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS. WE ARE WILLING TO STRENGTHEN THESE COMMON ALLIANCE TIES AND TO HELP THE GREEK GOVERNMENT IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. WE WILL NOT BE PRESSURED BY THREAT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ALLIANCE, OR ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH IN ANY EVENT ARE TOTALLY UNJUSTIFIED BY OUR RECORD.

I REPEAT THAT THIS STATEMENT HAS BEEN GONE OVER BY

PRESIDENT FORD. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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